



"Did You Know?"

- 1 in 7 youths, ages 10-17, report receiving unwanted sexual solicitations online.
- 31% of the solicitations involved attempts to make off-line contact with the children.
- 56% of the predators asked the child for a photo and in 27% of the incidents the predator asked for a sexual photograph.
- Only 5% of solicitation incidents and 2% of unwanted exposures to sexual material online were reported to law enforcement, Internet service providers or other authorities.

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Attorney General Stumbo Forms I-Shield Internet Safety Task Force

On November 6, 2006, Kentucky Attorney General Gregory D. Stumbo formed an i-Shield Task Force in Kentucky, issuing an invitation to law enforcement agencies across the state to join with him to promote cybersafety. On November 15th, the Task Force held its first meeting in Frankfort. This is the first newsletter reporting on Task Force activities and sharing important information about Internet crime and steps law enforcement are taking to combat it. Task Force members, as well as other law enforcement contacts, will receive the newsletter electronically and it will also be posted on the Kentucky i-Shield Task Force electronic bulletin board at www.i-safe.org.

The purpose of the Task Force is to encourage law enforcement to work together to educate our children, teachers, parents and communities about online risks and give them the instruction they need to avoid becoming the next Internet crime victim. The Task Force will work with the non-profit group *i-Safe America* to help promote Internet safety in schools and communities. It will also bring together school resource officers and other crime prevention

professionals to promote cybersafety in the schools.

During the meeting, introductory information was provided about the I-Shield program and ways to promote cybersafety. Doris Settles, *i-Safe* certified trainer with the Kentucky Center for School Safety (KCSS), presented information on the major areas of Internet risks, particularly sexual predators and cyberbullying. Task Force members were encouraged to attend *i-Safe* training sponsored by KCSS. If you missed the December 15th training, additional training will be held March 16, 2007 in Louisville and June 8, 2007 in Owensboro. Participants may register online at www.kycss.org. The Attorney General's Office will facilitate additional *i-Safe* training for law enforcement agencies depending on interest.



i-Safe Program May Change a Life

The following is a letter from a student in Kentucky that was sent to Ryan Halligan's father after attending an *i-Safe* program at the school. Ryan Halligan was a 13-year-old cyberbullying victim in Essex, Vermont who committed suicide. His story is told in one of the videos available through the *i-Safe* program.

"Hello Mr. and Ms. Halligan,

Hi, my name is XXXXXX and my school is learning about the schools i-safe program & we are learning about internet safety and bullying. I am a freshman in XXXXXX in XXXXXX, Ky. I heard about your son's story today & it has stuck in my mind all day. I came home and i usually get on the net and chat on myspace or something. but today i came home and decided to go to Google and research more on your son's story. Your son's story has given my life the most dramatic change that could ever happen in less than 24 hours. I was on ya'lls website and I couldn't stop reading. It has taught me soo much about how to stay safe on the internet & how to deal with suicidal thoughts and friends that have had them. I have also learned to be more open with my mom about who i am chatting with and what i am doing on the internet. I even got my mom a myspace account so that she could monitor everything that goes on with my email So that if she has any questions or doubts about anything on there she can give me a heads up and help me stay safe. I wanna thank you soo much for contributing to my life the way you have. I am soo sorry for your loss. I wish you could've helped the

world in the same way without having to have lost a very loved one. Your son sounded like a great kid, and he didn't deserve what happened to him. I am so very sorry. Your son's story has touched my heart and i wanna be able to help my friends and family and even others in the same way u have helped me. I hope that someday i can too help someone in that way. You have helped soo many people at my school... i say over half of the students in my grade have had suicidal thoughts or cut themselves. and I can honestly say i think u have opened their eyes the same way u did mine. I have been going through alot of depression here this year, but your son's story has helped me overcome that. I did have thoughts of suicide. I would come home sit in my room and not eat just sleep. I would go to school and then do what i had to do and then come straight home. I didn't engage in any social activity. After watching the videos on ur sons story it has helped me alot. I am talking to my mother more about what i am going through and now i have no thoughts of suicide at all && i am reaching out to my friends and family who need my help the way i needed yours even though i didn't know it. I don't know u but u have helped me more then anyone i know. I wanna thank you soo much for that. There is no possible way i can thank you enough, and show my great appreciation for having such a great impact on my life. I hope you have a wonderful christmas. I hope to hear back from you soo please write me back!... Thank you!!!"

For Ryan's story, log on to www.ryanpatrickhalligan.com.

FAQ

How can I join the Attorney General's I-Shield Task Force?

All Kentucky law enforcement agencies are invited to join the Attorney General's Task Force. The Task Force meets periodically to discuss Internet safety issues, legislative initiatives, and enforcement issues. To join the Task Force please contact at Debbie Gilbert at 502-696-5385 or debbie.gilbert@ag.ky.gov. You should also register through the i-Shield Task Force at **i-safe.org**. Registering with *i-Safe* will give you access to the Task Force's bulletin board, online training and the full range of materials and information available to registered Task Force members.

What is the mission of the Task Force ?

The purpose of the Task Force is to encourage law enforcement agencies to work together to educate our children, teachers and parents about online risks and give them the instruction they need to avoid becoming the next Internet crime victim. The Task Force will work with the non-profit group *i-Safe America* to help promote Internet safety in the schools and communities. It will also draw together school resource officers and other crime prevention professionals to promote cybersafety in the schools. In addition, the Task Force will review and consider legislative initiatives to address Internet safety issues.

What is i-Safe America?

i-Safe is a congressionally approved

and funded non-profit group whose curriculum is designed to foster community outreach and empower students, teachers, parents, law enforcement and concerned adults to make the Internet a safer place. The goal of *i-Safe* is to educate students on how to avoid dangerous, inappropriate, or unlawful online behavior. *i-Safe* provides education on topics such as Cyber Citizenship, Personal Safety, Cyber Security, Intellectual Property, Cyber Bullying and Predator Identification. *i-Safe* provides law enforcement with the tools they need to be proactive in their community. They will provide everything you will need, including training and materials, all free of charge. *i-Safe* provides program resources and professional materials for free so you can enhance crime prevention by conducting community education and awareness campaigns.

Training is available online through the i-LEARN Online Program which allows you to get Internet safety training from your home or office, at your own pace. i-LEARN Online is a series of five videos and gives you an understanding of Operation i-SHIELD and the advantages of forming an i-SHIELD Task Force in your area. In addition, *i-Safe* training is available through the Kentucky Center for School Safety.

Is there a cost?

There is no cost to join *i-Safe* or the Task Force and all materials are free

“Cyber Predators May Pose Greater Threat”

Question: “Our 9-year-old daughter wants to walk the 15 minutes to school and back by herself. She is very trustworthy, but we are worried about all the things that can happen. What are your thoughts?”

For a response to this question and statistics on child abduction and the threat of cyber predators, visit John Rosemond's website and read his November 28, 2006 weekly column. John Rosemond is a national syndicated columnist.

(www.rosemond.com)

and available to be downloaded directly from the Internet.

How can I get trained on Internet Safety Issues?

You must complete an approximately 4-hour professional development training program before you will have full access to *i-Safe* lesson plans and materials. The next live training sessions in Kentucky are scheduled for March 16, 2007 in Louisville and June 8, 2007 in Owensboro. Register online at www.kycss.org. Training is also available online at the i-Learn section of the *i-Safe* website. The online training allows you to take courses at your own pace in "chunks" that are 5-15 minutes long. This may be more convenient for members whose schedules do not permit them to attend a live training. There is also a virtual training academy with LIVE online training that members can register to attend. These are actual live events that can be "attended" from your desktop. If there are a sufficient number of agencies that have an interest in receiving live training from KCSS, additional trainings to those planned for March and June may be scheduled. Contact Debbie Gilbert (debbie.gilbert@ag.ky.gov; 502-696-5385) if you are interested in requesting additional live training from KCSS.

What materials are available?

Videos, complete lesson plans including Powerpoint presentations, all age appropriate and targeted to the specific audience you are addressing from K-12, teachers or parents. Joining the i-Shield Task Force and completing the training will enable you to have access to everything that you will need to organize, plan and deliver an interesting, informative presentation to students, teachers and parents.

Why is Internet Safety important?

Children and teens are becoming increasingly cyber savvy, but with little education available

to keep up with this abundance of knowledge, many are caught in a whirlpool of cheap information.

i-Safe America surveyed students across the country on their attitudes about the Internet. Statistics reveal a clear message: while online anonymity provides children and teens with more freedom, it also leaves them vulnerable in many ways.

Attitudes of Students

- ◆ 25% do not feel safe when using the Internet.
- ◆ 73% think there is a need for kids and teens to learn about Internet safety.
- ◆ 36% have received e-mail, attachments or pop-ups that bothered them or made them feel badly.
- ◆ 14% have been upset by what was said by a stranger they met on the Internet.
- ◆ 56% don't worry about their computer getting a virus when opening an e-mail or attachment.
- ◆ 35% feel freer to do what they want on the Internet than in the physical world.
- ◆ 31% say it is easier for them to talk with people on the Internet than in the physical world.

What are important tips for students using the Internet?

Most studies agree there are 77 million of you on the Internet! Almost as many students as there are things to do online. The Internet has infinite possibilities, and it is easy to get lost. Sometimes when you are lost you discover wonderful new places, but just as easily you can find yourself in a dangerous situation. You must protect yourself from the pitfalls lurking online. To help you, *i-Safe America* has come up with these tips:

- Guard your identifying information (name, sex, age, address, school, teams). It only takes a little information for a predator to identify you.
- Always remember, responsible adults do not pursue relationships with kids and teens.
- Make your username generic and anonymous.
- Make your online profile generic and anonymous.
- Know how to exit an inappropriate website.
- Chat room “friends” are not always who they say they are.
- Attachments in e-mails from strangers can contain viruses and worms.
- Pictures are great to hand to a friend, but it’s not cool to send them to an Internet “friend.”
- Posting your picture on the Internet gives hackers the chance to doctor your picture and make fun of you to everyone on the World Wide Web.
- Know the rules about Intellectual Property. Do not illegally download music and movies.

Who should I contact for help with an investigation? Where should I report an incident of Internet crime?

You may contact Laurie Buchanan at the Kentucky State Police. Laurie is the State’s Program Coordinator of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. You can also contact the Kentucky Bureau of Investigation at 502-696-5300.

Internet Safety Tips for Students

Learn the 4 R’s

RECOGNIZE
Techniques used by online predators

REFUSE
Requests for personal information

RESPOND
assertively if you are in an uncomfortable situation online. Exit the program, log off & turn off the computer, tell an adult or call the police

REPORT
to a trusted adult any suspicious or dangers contact that makes you feel uncomfortable.

(Source: i-Safe America, www.i-safe.org)

Internet Safety Resource Agencies

Kentucky Bureau of Investigation (KBI) (www.ag.ky.gov)

Contact Information:

David James, Commissioner
1024 Capital Center Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601
502-696-5367
Hotline: 1-866-524-3672

The mission of KBI is to provide the highest quality and investigative information services and resources to the Commonwealth, justice community and others, for the purpose of maintaining law and order and protecting life and property. The KBI is actively involved in drug seizures and drug-related enforcement actions such as drug seizures from illegal Internet pharmacies, narcotic

drug search warrants and seizures, narcotic drug arrests and doctor shopping. In addition, the KBI investigates welfare fraud committed by public employees stealing from within the system and also specializes in the investigation of Medicaid fraud and abuse.

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force—Training and Technical Assistance Program (www.icactraining.org)

Contact Information:

Laurie Buchanan
Kentucky ICAC Coordinator
Kentucky State Police
502-226-2160

In 1998, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention created the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program. The purpose of this initiative is to enhance the investigative response of state and local law enforcement agencies when responding to offenders who use the Internet, online communications systems, or any other computer technology to exploit children. In 2003, the Kentucky State Police (KSP) was awarded a grant to establish this program in the Commonwealth, making it one of 46 task forces throughout the nation. As the lead law enforcement agency, KSP assigned sworn and civilian personnel within the Electronic Crime Section to this program. These personnel represent the core of the Kentucky Task Force – investigators who receive complaints and open investigations, forensic examiners who perform analysis of digital evidence seized as part of these investigations, and the administrative personnel who manage the daily operation of the unit.

In addition to investigating cases of online child sexual exploitation, the KY ICAC Task Force provides statewide training which encompasses all aspects of the issue of child exploitation – from prevention to victim services. Hundreds of law enforcement officers, prosecutors and child advocates have attended training and conferences that addressed various investigative and forensic concerns. Thousands of parents, students and educators have received information as a result of presentations by task force personnel at schools and community groups. This “beginning to end” approach will ensure the most effective, most comprehensive approach to combating child victimization.

As the lead law enforcement agency, KSP assumes responsibility for the overall operation and effectiveness of the task force within its jurisdiction. Key to this success are the federal, state and local law enforcement agencies that

agree to become participating members. Additionally, there are other agencies and groups that work closely with ICAC, on a national and local level, to maintain a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary approach to dealing with child sexual exploitation issues. The contact for the KY ICAC Task Force is Laurie Buchanan, ICAC Program Coordinator with KSP. The agencies currently participating on the task force are:

Boone County Sheriff's Office
Bowling Green Police Department
FBI – Louisville Field Office
Franklin Police Department
Lexington Metro Police Department
Louisville Metro Police Department
Morehead Police Department
Oldham County Police Department
Owensboro Police Department
Winchester Police Department

i-Safe America—The Leader in Internet Safety Education (www.i-safe.org)

Contact Information
5900 Pasteur Court, Suite 100
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i-Safe America is a non-profit foundation whose mission is to educate and empower youth to make their Internet experiences safe and responsible. The goal is to educate students on how to avoid dangerous, inappropriate, or unlawful online behavior. i-Safe accomplishes this through dynamic K-12 curriculum and community outreach programs to parents, law enforcement, and community leaders. It is the only Internet foundation to combine these elements.

The Education component educates and empowers students through innovative, interactive classroom lessons to students in all grades.

Educators and Law Enforcement Officials are trained and certified to teach students and are empowered to train and certify others through the Professional Development Program.

The Outreach component extends valuable knowledge beyond the classroom, utilizing abilities and resources from community and school leaders, parents, and students to maximize Internet safety awareness.

The Youth Empowerment Campaign recognizes that children are their own best teachers. *i-Safe* Student Mentors educate and empower other students in a very effective way: peer-to-peer communication.

Kentucky Center for Safe Schools (KCSS) (www.kycss.org)

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The mission of the Kentucky Center for Safe Schools, as established by House Bill 330, is to serve as a central point for data analysis, research, dissemination of information on successful safety strategies, and technical assistance for safe schools. According to the belief statement, "the Kentucky Center for Safe Schools supports the idea that school culture improves when a school-wide prevention plan consistently addresses the needs of all students to encourage a safe and healthy learning environment." KCSS is required to provide training and technical assistance to a wide range of audiences including school administrators, teachers, students, law enforcement, post-secondary educators, parents and community representatives.

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) (www.missingkids.com)

Contact Information:

Reports may be made 24-hours per day, 7 days per week online at www.cybertipline.com or by calling 1-800-843-5678.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's mission is to help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; help find missing children and assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them. NCMEC

- ♦ Serves as a clearinghouse of information about missing and exploited children;
- ♦ Operates a CyberTipline that the public may use to report Internet-related child sexual exploitation;
- ♦ Provides technical assistance to individuals and law-enforcement agencies in the prevention, investigation, prosecution, and treatment of cases involving missing and exploited children;
- ♦ Assists the U.S. Department of State in certain cases of international child abduction in accordance with the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction;
- ♦ Offers training programs to law-enforcement and social-service professionals;
- ♦ Distributes photographs and descriptions of missing children worldwide;
- ♦ Coordinates child-protection efforts with the private sector;
- ♦ Networks with nonprofit service providers and state clearinghouses about missing persons cases;
- ♦ Provides information about effective state legislation to help ensure the protection of children.

The Congressionally mandated CyberTipline is a reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation including child pornography, online enticement of children for sex acts, molestation of children outside the family, sex tourism of children, child victims of prostitution, and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child.

WiredSafety (www.wiredsafety.org)

WiredSafety is a charity and the largest and oldest online safety, education and help group in the world. It provides one-to-one help, extensive information, and education to cyberspace users of all ages. These services are offered through a worldwide organization comprised entirely of volunteers who administer specialized websites and programs.

WiredSafety.org's work falls into four major areas:

- Assistance for online victims of cyber crime and harassment;
- Advice, training and help for law enforce-

ment worldwide on preventing, spotting and investigating cyber crimes;

- Education for children, parents, communities, law enforcement, and educators;
- Information and awareness on all aspects of online safety, privacy, responsible use and security.

WiredSafety acts as a lifeline in cyberspace for protecting and guiding children online from cybercrimes and abuse. It includes protection of children everywhere from Internet-related sexual exploitation, including assisting law enforcement in the investigation and prevention of trafficking of children, child pornography and organized child molester groups.

WiredSafety.org also provides information and resources to help educate and guide law enforcement officers on Internet safety issues, crime prevention and reporting of cybercrimes. It has created a special website just for law enforcement officers, WiredCops.org.

NEWS BRIEFS

Attorney General Greg Stumbo Announces Arrests of Child Sexual Predators in Cyber Sting Operation

Press Release Date: October 10, 2006

For the full story, log on to www.ag.ky.gov.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced a sting operation that resulted in the arrest of seven sexual predators from across the state. These men, ages 23-48, drove to a home in Louisville with one goal in mind—to victimize an innocent child. They thought they were going to molest a 13-year-old child and instead came face to face with law enforcement.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo Announces i-Jam Conference to be Held in Lexington

Press Release Date: October 13, 2006

For the full story, log on to www.ag.ky.gov.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo announced that his office, in partnership with the Kentucky Center for

School Safety, is hosting a conference in Lexington on October 16th called i-Jam (Internet Jam).

MySpace Cyberbullying Leads to Suicide—Family Seeking Answers in Teen-ager's Death

Press Release Date: October 20, 2006

For the full story, log on to www.mycrimespace.com.

Mt. Washington, Ky.—Online cyberbullying by way of the popular Web site MySpace.com may have led to the suicide of teenager Rachel Neblett on October 9, 2006.

Kentucky State Police Announces Results of Operation Harvest Moon

Press Release Date: October 30, 2006

For the full story, log on to www.kentuckystatepolice.org.

The Kentucky State Police (KSP) and the Kentucky Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force announced the results of a multi-agency effort to round up suspects involved in online child sexual exploitation crimes and registered sexual offenders deemed non-compliant with legal residence restrictions. Code-named Operation Harvest Moon, the initiative, which began October 23rd, culminated months of investigation of KSP and other law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

Girl, 15, Runs Away with MySpace Acquaintance

Press Release Date: December 13, 2006

For the full story, log on to www.ksat.com.

San Antonio, TX—Sandra Rodriquez warned her 15-year-old daughter about the dangers of communicating with males over the Internet. On Sunday, Rodriquez' worst nightmare became reality when her daughter, Lauren, left home and hasn't been seen since.

Bullitt East Students Take Stand on Drugs, Violence

Press Release Date: December 20, 2006

For the full story, log on to www.courier-journal.com.

As a result of a stabbing involving two students off school grounds and a student suicide which may have been caused by gossip on MySpace.com accounts, students at Bullitt East take a stand on drugs and violence in their school. They have started what they call Project Awareness—a series of intimate, open discussions with students about school violence.

30 Years for Teen Predator—Winchester Man Ran Away with 14-year-old

Press Release Date: December 22, 2006

For the full story, log on to www.kentucky.com.

Charles R. Wise, a former Clark County sheriff's deputy, was sentenced to 30 years in prison for kidnapping a 14-year old from Arkansas who he met on the Internet in October 2005. Congratulations to Assistant United States Attorney Mark Wohlander who prosecuted the case.

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Russell Springs Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

Press Release Date: December 27, 2006

For the full story, log on to www.usdoj.gov/usao/kyw/press_releases.

David Huber, US Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced the arrest and filing of a complaint against Scotty Hopper, Russell Springs, KY on charges of attempting to produce, receiving, distributing, and possessing child pornography. The complaint was made by a 16-year old girl in Detroit, MI who stated that Hopper had retrieved credit card, bank account information and personal information from her computer and then convinced her to take nude pictures of herself and send to him. Chat logs demonstrated that the man threatened the girl with ruining her reputation or parents' credit if she did not do as he directed.

Many Students Face Cyber-Bullying

Press Release Date: December 28, 2006

For the full story, log on to www.courier-journal.com.

Doss High School junior Derrick Lawson has seen classmates take cell phone photos of a student being beaten up and then post them on the Internet. Western High parent George Diaz said his 16-year-old daughter has received threatening text messages.

The Office of the Attorney General is committed to protecting consumers from unscrupulous business practices, making your government more open and accessible, curtailing the drug epidemic threatening the Commonwealth, representing your rights against utility companies' rate increases, and defending our most valuable citizens against Medicaid fraud, abuse and neglect. In addition, the Attorney General, as Kentucky's top law enforcement officer, has formed an I-Shield Task Force to get cybersafety information out to our schools and communities. A Cybersafety section has been added to the Attorney General's website with online tips and information to safeguard your children and computer from Internet threats including dangers such as cyberstalking and cyberbullying. Also included are tips on guarding against other dangers that lurk in cyberspace such as identity theft and Interview viruses and worms.

Visit us at www.ag.ky.gov/cybersafety.

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